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MORE NETWORK TROUBLE

ESPN President Skipper Resigns

Cites Substance Abuse Problem

By CINDY BOREN and RICK MAESE
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ESPN President John Skipper, one of the most powerful figures in sports and media, resigned from the network Monday, telling employees in an email that he has struggled with a substance addiction for many years.

Skipper

Skipper has been the Bristol-based network's guiding force in a tumultuous period, helping it secure television rights to some of the sporting world's biggest franchises and figuring out a plan to steady the ship amid changing viewership habits that resulted in a dramatic

SKIPPER, A4

AT LEAST 3 DEAD IN WASHINGTON

FATAL DERAILMENT

CARS FROM an Amtrak train spilled onto I-5 in DuPont, Wash., in a derailment that killed three people and injured dozens just before 8 a.m. Monday. The train, carrying 77 passengers and seven crew members, was making its first run along a faster new route south of Seattle when it hurtled off the overpass, Amtrak officials said. The train hit some vehicles, including the orange truck seen under the bridge, but no one on the highway was killed, authorities said. No cause for the wreck has been determined. **Story, Page A3**

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NEW BRITAIN FATAL SHOOTING

Groups: Release Police Video

NAACP, ACLU: Public 'Deserves Answers'

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NEW BRITAIN — Community leaders Monday called for the release of video from a fatal shooting by police in New Britain last week that left a 20-year-old man dead and two teens injured. A city lawyer said they were told not to do so.

"If there's video, it should be shown," said Ronald Davis, president of the New Britain NAACP.

David McGuire, president of the Connecticut chapter of the ACLU, said: "The release of the video would not undermine the investigation. The reality is that this is a very, very serious use of force that resulted in multiple injuries and the death of a young person and the public deserves answers."

The Courant has requested a copy of any video or 911 calls from the shooting, which happened Thursday evening

VIDEO, A4

DURHAM TRADITION ENDING

A Green Shift: Trees To Solar

Christmas Farm Giving Way To Solar Panels

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DURHAM — Peter Hinman slowly opened a rectangular gift wrapped in paper dotted with green wreaths, revealing a frozen-in-time painting of the Craftsbury Christmas Farm. In the middle of the painting was an image of Hinman, dressed in his red sweatshirt and jean overalls, mingling with customers — and with the Durham farm's iconic tepee in the background.

"It's like they say, 'Nothing lasts forever.' But I wanted this to last forever," Hinman said Sunday morning — a week before Christmas Eve as last-minute customers hunted for that perfect tree.

Hinman, the owner of Craftsbury Christmas Farm, is ending 23 years of running the 3,500-tree farm, tucked away on Maiden Lane just off a busy Main Street where 18th and 19th century homes are decorated for the holidays.

Hinman, who lives in Wethersfield, leased the land from his cousin, Richard Patterson, CEO at Durham Manufacturing, a company that manufactures metal boxes and cabinets. But the company, located along Main Street adjacent to Craftsbury, is going a

DURHAM, A4

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PETER HINMAN, owner of Craftsbury Christmas Farm in Durham, looks at a painting done as a gift by customer and artist Robert Noreika. Hinman's wife Sara, tearing up, looks on.

METROHARTFORD ALLIANCE LEADER

Griebel Plans 2nd Run For Governor

By KENNETH R. GOSSELIN
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Oz Griebel, the former banker and longtime leader of the MetroHartford Alliance, said Monday he expects to announce a bid for governor this week.

Griebel

"The odds are pretty high that I'm going to announce this week," Griebel said. "I'm definitely looking to throw my hat in the ring."

This would be Griebel's second run for governor. In 2010, he ran as a Republican by was defeated in a primary by the party-backed candidate, Tom Foley.

Griebel, 68, declined to say what party affiliation — if any — he would run

GRIEBEL, A4

Auriemma's Date With 1,000 Awaits

Game is here: UConn women's coach Geno Auriemma has been standing on the edge of a milestone — 1,000 wins — for the past 10 days. But he isn't one to spend too much time dwelling on the superlatives.
Jeff Jacobs: Auriemma, 63, sounds committed to at least five more years.
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Bar's Bike Brigade

The patrons of an Enfield bar helped collect 200 bicycles to be distributed to children throughout the area. This is the ninth year of the effort. Connecticut, Page B1

Toys 'R' Us Closing Stores

Toys "R" Us, which filed for bankruptcy in September, may close at least 100 U.S. stores, sources say. Business, Page A7

Hartford Carol Sing

Carolers are welcome to the UConn Hartford steps Tuesday afternoon. Living, Page D1

Better Than New York?

Connecticut should work to reclaim its historical reputation as a place that offers a superior quality of life at a better value than other blue states, such as New York.
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